

Assistant Director for Reports & Estimates

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Deputy Assistant Director for Operations

OAE Recommendations for FBIB Monitoring Coverage

1. Reference memorandum 21 July 1948 from Assistant Director for Reports & Estimates, the possibility of making requested adjustments of FBIB coverage has been explored, as follows:

a. The Karachi broadcasting station is still under construction. When it is completed, and FBIB is operating at its new locations in the Mediterranean and Far East, some coverage will be possible. Moscow Rizkutani is monitored, but the program invariably consists of translations from material previously broadcast in other languages.

b. Moscow broadcasts in Spanish to Latin America have in the past been found to contain little material tailored to that audience. Intensive watch will be maintained in the immediate future for "slanted" programming on this beam.

c. ECR-1, the "Spanish Liberation" station broadcasts only irregularly. Watch is maintained for it. "Radio Verkadi" is regularly covered, and will be watched more closely for significant material.

d. Coverage of Yiddish from Palestine and USSR will be increased as a temporary shortage of linguists is overcome.

e. It is believed that coverage of Yugoslavia since publication of the Cominfor report has been as complete as possible. Austrian material not reproduced in the Daily Report is believed to be of

little significance, but arrangements are being made to furnish OAE analysts, for a trial period, Austrian copy discarded by FBIB editors in the field and in Washington. Opinion as to the value of such discards and recommendations for changes in editorial practice will be appreciated.

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f. Coverage of Peru and Cuba will be increased at the expense of Ecuador and Guatemala.

g. Coverage of USSR provincial transmitters will be significantly increased upon activation of the new FBIB Mediterranean station early in 1949.

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2. The FBI liaison officer will explore with ORK analysts the progress of these adjustments of coverage with a view to defining more closely the requirements and to bringing continued deficiencies to light.

3. FBI proposes to submit for ORK comment periodic analyses of the distribution of its monitoring effort, and will be appreciative of any recommendations which may result in better orientation of its product to ORK requirements.

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